

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 1999 - 10:30 a.m.
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley, Chairman	Tolleson: Manuel Dominguez
*Avondale: Bill Bates	*Wickenburg: Tom Candelaria
*Buckeye: Ron Long	Arizona Clean and Beautiful: Leandra Lewis
*Carefree: Frank Guerriero	*Arizona Recycling Coalition: Jeff Connell
*Chandler: Carl Doak	*Arizona State University: David Pijawka
*Gila Bend: Fred Hull	Sierra Club: Doug Barnes
Gila River Indian Community: Candice Bell	Solid Waste Association of North America:
Gilbert: Bill Hancock	Willie Black
*Glendale: Mike Hoyt	*Southwest Public Recycling Association:
*Litchfield Park: Bob Gaunt	Mitra Khazai
Maricopa County: Ash Madhok	Citizen Representative: Louis Rieckhoff
Mesa: Keno Hawker	Arizona Chamber of Commerce: David Wallis
Peoria: Larry Fudurich	*AZ Dept of Commerce, Environmental
Phoenix: Bruce Henning	Business Development: Seth Hudson
*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian	*Arizona Public Service: Bill O'Connor
Community: Steve Parker	*Salt River Project: Dan Casiraro
Scottsdale: Shawn McCready for Rick Pence	Valley Forward: Don Cassano
Surprise: Bob Zobel	
Tempe: George Elley	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Rita Walton, MAG
Drenan Dudley, MAG

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Solid Waste Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 14, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. Tom Martinsen, Town of Paradise Valley, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

2. Introductions

Members of the Committee introduced themselves.

3. Approval of the December 3, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the December 3, 1998 meeting. Manuel Dominguez, Tolleson, moved and Larry Fudurich, Peoria, seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the December 3, 1998 meeting.

4. MAG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

Drenan Dudley, Maricopa Association of Governments, gave a brief summary of each section of the MAG Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Chairman Martinsen asked for a recommendation from Ms. Dudley regarding which chapters should be reviewed in further detail.

Ms. Dudley indicated that the Chapters 3, 5, 7 and 8 could be reviewed as a priority. Ms. Dudley recommended that chapters 5 and 7 be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairman Martinsen asked the Committee if this was agreeable.

Councilmember Keno Hawker, Mesa, indicated that he agreed that the Committee should proceed as recommended.

Bruce Henning, Phoenix, asked if there was still a need for a Plan.

Ms. Dudley indicated that the Plan is a result of voluntary cooperation among the MAG member agencies and a requirement by the federal government. She also indicated that through reviewing the Plan the Committee could decide if a recommendation should be made to the MAG Regional Council to update the Plan.

Doug Barnes, Sierra Club, indicated that the Plan does not contain any penalties for improper management of waste or any incentives for recycling.

Chairman Martinsen indicated that the Plan does address source reduction and recycling issues and that this is a good forum to encourage discussion in these areas.

Mr. Barnes indicated that it would be helpful to know about other jurisdictions that are involved in solid waste activities such as recycling.

Chairman Martinsen indicated that it would be a good idea to have presentations to the Committee by other entities involved in solid waste management.

William Meschede, Queen Creek, indicated that a discussion on potential regional problems and solutions would be useful. He also indicated that jurisdictions that have recycling programs could assist other jurisdictions that do not have recycling programs in place. In addition, he indicated that problems such as lack of landfill capacity could be discussed.

Mr. Dominguez indicated that it would be interesting to see what other jurisdictions are doing.

Mr. Barnes indicated that the Plan should contain incentives to encourage jurisdictions to participate in source reduction and recycling.

Chairman Martinsen indicated, considering the role of MAG, that this forum could be best utilized to share information and learn from each other. He also indicated that there is no funding or reason for the Committee to get involved in the operations of solid waste management.

Councilmember Hawker indicated that the Plan could provide information and education to highlight the benefits of various ways of managing solid waste but should not dictate to local governments how to operate programs. He also indicated that organizations like the Southwest Public Recycling Association were available to provide specific assistance to entities that where in need.

5. Update of the Regional Recycling Information Exchange Project

Chairman Martinsen indicated that information was distributed in the agenda regarding the Regional Recycling Information Exchange Project. He asked if any of the members had an opportunity to view the website prototype.

Bill Hancock, Gilbert, indicated that he viewed the website and that it is potentially of more use to people or businesses that were out-of-state and that it seemed elementary.

Chairman Martinsen asked if the Committee had any corrections to the data that is being used in the Solid Waste Information Management System that was distributed with the agenda.

Several jurisdictions indicated the changes that were applicable to their jurisdiction. It was determined that members could send their changes to Ms. Dudley.

Mr. Dominguez asked how information from the private sector would be obtained.

Chairman Martinsen indicated that the jurisdictions should provide any information that they know about private industry facilities that exist in their area.

6. Committee Role and Responsibilities

Chairman Martinsen indicated that the Committee is in the process of establishing a work plan since it was recently reconstituted. He also indicated that it is important not to get discouraged and that specific tasks would be more clearly defined in time. Chairman Martinsen then began a discussion

regarding the list of ideas on potential activities that was compiled by the Committee at the last meeting.

It was generally agreed that potential activities could include providing public information and education, standardizing information, centralizing information, developing a model ordinance for the procurement of recycled goods, and updating the Solid Waste Information Management System and the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. It was also discussed that facilitating market development and facilitating joint solutions for solid waste management issues are areas that are being addressed by other entities.

Councilmember Hawker indicated that it is important to include the private sector in discussions of solid waste management and that the Committee could look for ways to bring them into the conversation.

7. Call to the Public

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Water Quality Advisory Committee. No comments were presented.

Chairman Martinsen adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.